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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 3296 W. Rosita Circle



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3296 W. Rosita Circle, Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 8:57 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the two-story wood-frame residential structure. Eighteen (18) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-two (42) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief D. Atkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:04 p.m. *One firefighter was transported in non-critical condition to Regional One Burn Unit with smoke inhalation and 1st degree burns to his ears and forehead. He was treated and later released.* There were no civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Total damage is estimated at \$60,000.00 structure and \$25,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the kitchen. This is an active investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their *place* of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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